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ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS IN CHANDNI CHOWK
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chandni Chowk in the walled city which earlier was a cultural hub of the city with uncongested roads, is now turning into a commercial jungle;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite the law banning alterations and additions, illegal construction goes on unabated there; and

(c) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to restore the lost glory of the area, decrease congestion and rejuvenate it?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)to(c): Chandni Chowk area in the Walled City is a special area as per the Master Plan of Delhi 2001. Additions and alterations in old constructed buildings are to be sanctioned as additions/alterations in building plans as provided in the Building Bye-laws, 1983.

It is a fact that the menace of unauthorised constructions in this area has been noticed at a large scale. Municipal Coporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that theyare initiating action against unauthorised constructions as per the provisions of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act.

The Government has agreed in principle to set up a Walled CityDevelopment Board which would comprise of the representatives of the Delhi Urban Art Commission, Govt.of NCT ofDelhi, MCD, Delhi Development Authority, Archaeological Surveyof India and other utility agencies like Delhi Vidyut Board, Delhi Jal Board, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, etc. to ensure coordinated action and facilitate redevelopment of the Walled City area.